

**Statewide RFA Technical Assistance Calls
Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 16, 2017	Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Location: Conference Call Conference Line: 877-873-8017 Participant Code: 5396369
County TA Questions	CDSS Response	Action Item
1) Please clarify when to use the RFA 809C. Should it be used before and/or after approval?	The RFA 809C should only be used after the applicant is approved as a Resource Family.	
2) Which form should we use to notify the applicant regarding a missing smoke detector during the home health and safety assessment?	There is no specific form to be used for this type of situation. However, the county can have a conversation with the family about the missing smoke detector or document it on a county form.	
3) Please provide examples or clarification regarding placement under compelling reason.	Examples are: A newborn is being discharged from the hospital with medical needs and a nurse who is unrelated to the newborn has a set of specialized skills and experience which enables them to be able to care for the newborn; a child who is deaf is placed with a deaf family who is not related to the child; a relative who will need an exemption and the county wants to process the exemption before placing (at county discretion).	
Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The frequency of these TA calls has changed to once a month beginning in September. They will be on the 1st Wednesday of every month. The first monthly meeting will begin on September 6th from 1:30pm to 2:30pm with the same call-in information. Out of State Placement Policy Unit was invited to the meeting to provide information on Regulation 7 of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An example shared from the Out of State Placement Policy Unit is when a child from Oregon is coming to be placed in California, as long as Regulation 7 criteria is met, the county can place the child prior to Resource Family approval. This is similar to an emergency placement in California (physical walk through of the home, CACI, and CLETS check). The family still needs to complete the RFA process. Regulation 7 is only a provisional placement under certain circumstances. These circumstances are discussed more in Regulation 7 which can be found here: http://www.aphsa.org/content/AAICPC/en/home.html, (click on Regulation 7). Question: If there was a hit on the grandparents CLETS check, which could cause a delay in placement, can we still place? Answer: Yes. However, depending on the grandparents criminal history, and if an exemption is needed or not, the county will need to inform the sending state as it could delay the approval of the family. It is a county decision if they are willing grant a provisional approval for placement if exemption(s) are needed. 		
Next Meeting: August 30, 2017, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm		